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1. Officials of the Social Democratic Party of Slovakia, which was known before the May 1946 elections as "Strana Prace" (Labor Party), are much encouraged by the progress the party is making in Slovakia, particularly in the smaller towns and villages. They believe that the party can poll at least ten seats in the Prague Constitutional Assembly if elections are held in the near future.
2. Although the party is officially called "Socialna Demokracie na Slovensku", it is extremely closely tied up with the Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party of Bohemia-Moravia, from which it draws directional and financial assistance. In spite of this help, the party's chief obstacle continues to be an inadequacy of funds for the development of a wide-spread organization. The party has never been able to recover the assets of the pre-war Slovak Social Democratic Party, which were claimed by the Slovak Communist Party after the liberation.
3. The officials of the Executive Committee are now concentrating their efforts on building up the party's new daily newspaper, Hlas Prace (Voice of Labor). This paper is under the direction of Dr. Jan Capicovic, former Slovak Social Democratic leader and Vice-Chairman of the Czechoslovak Council of State in London during the war.
4. Party leaders are also encouraged by the large number of ex-members of the old Slovak Social Democratic Party who, after allying themselves with the Slovak Communist Party following the liberation for want of any other Left-wing party to turn to, have now come over into the new Social Democratic Party of Slovakia. In making this change, they have followed the example of Ivan Frlicka, now party chairman, who left the Communists early in 1946.

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